Than they are to their virtues; which is nothing:— O, above measure false!

PHI. Have patience, sir, And take your ring again ; 'tis not yet won: It may be probable, she lost it; or, Who knows if one of her women[9], being corrupted, Hath stolen it from her[1],

POST. Very true; , And so, I hope, he came by't:—Back my ring ;— Render to me some corporal sign about her, More evident than this; for this was stolen.

IACH. By Jupiter, I had it from her arm.

POST, Hark you, he swears ; by Jupiter he swears. Tis true ;-^-nay, keep the ring—'tis true: I am sure, She would not lose it: her attendants are All sworn, and honourable[2]:—They induc'd to steal it! And by a stranger!— No, he hath enjoy'd her:

9 —if one OF her women,] *Of* was supplied by the editor of the second folio. MALONE.

[1] HATH stolen it from her.] Sir Thomas Hanmer (for some words are here deficient) has perfected the metre by reading : [lc] *Might not have* stolen it from her." STEEVENS.

2- — her attendants are All SWORN, and honourable :] It was anciently the custom for the attendants on our nobility and other great personages (as it is now for the servants of the king) to take an oath of fidelity, on their entrance into office. In the household book of the 5th Earl of Northumberland (compiled A. D. 1512) it is expressly ordered [p. 49] that " what person soever he be that commyth to my Lordes service, that incontynent after he be intred in the chequyrroull [check-roll] that he be *sworn* in the countynge-hous by a gentillman-usher or yeman-usher in the presence of the hede officers ; and on theire absence before the clerke of the kechynge either by such an oath as is in the Book of Othes, yff any such [oath] be, or ells by such an 6th as thei shall seyrae beste by their discretion.[1]*

Even now every *servant* of the king's, at his first appointment is sworn in, before a gentleman usher, at the lord chamberlain's office. PERCY,